

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
AIKEN DIVISION

RONALD ALLEN CLARKE,	)	Civil Action No.: 1:15-cv-4735-RBH
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>ORDER</b>
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CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting	)	
Commissioner of the Social	)	
Security Administration,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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Plaintiff Ronald Allen Clarke seeks judicial review of a final decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration denying his claim for disability insurance benefits. The matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (“R & R”) of United States Magistrate Judge Shiva V. Hodges, made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a) for the District of South Carolina. [ECF #18]. The Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court reverse and remand the Commissioner’s final decision for further administrative consideration, pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). [ECF #18, p. 41].

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to the Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976). The Court must conduct a de novo review of those portions of the R & R to which specific objections are made, and it may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Neither party has filed objections to the R & R, and the time for doing so has expired.<sup>1</sup> In the absence of objections to the R & R, the Court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the Magistrate Judge's recommendations. *See Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199-200 (4th Cir. 1983). The Court reviews only for clear error in the absence of an objection. *See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that "in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct de novo review, but instead must 'only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation'" (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee's note)).

After a thorough review of the record in this case, the Court finds no clear error. Accordingly, the Court adopts and incorporates by reference the R & R [ECF #18] of the Magistrate Judge. It is therefore **ORDERED** that pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), the Commissioner's final decision is **REVERSED AND REMANDED** for further administrative action consistent with the R & R.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Florence, South Carolina  
November 3, 2016

s/ R. Bryan Harwell  
R. Bryan Harwell  
United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The Commissioner filed a notice stating she would not file objections to the R & R. [ECF #20].